

LOCAL NEWS.

THE MANSION HOUSE HOTEL, in this place, has again been opened, and is under the management of Messrs. Sanders and Maddox. It has been thoroughly repaired and refitted, and its accommodations are ample and complete. The proprietors intend to spare no pains nor expense in making it a first class hotel. Its reputation in former days was well established, and those now having the control of it, will see that in their hands it will lose none of the favor of the public. Already, travellers, sojourners and boarders are filling its parlors and chambers. There were upwards of forty arrivals registered yesterday. Its rooms are airy and spacious, its table well furnished, its managers polite and attentive. With these aids, the Mansion House will again flourish.

THE CASE OF JONATHAN WATERS.—At the last term of the County Court for this County, Jonathan Waters, a free negro, was tried by five Justices, for grand larceny, and convicted and sentenced to two years confinement in the Penitentiary. After the conviction the court arrested the judgment on the ground that under the existing state of affairs negroes were entitled to be tried as white men, before a jury in the Circuit Court.

Lewis McKenzie, Presiding Justice, brought Waters before him and committed him for trial before the Circuit Court at the next term. Whereupon, C. W. Wattles and C. E. Stuart, Attorneys for Waters, applied for a writ of habeas corpus to Judge Watson, upon the ground that the prisoner being a free negro could only be tried under the laws of Virginia, before the County Court as a Court of Oyer and Terminer, and that the arrest of judgment was, in law, an acquittal of the prisoner. That the Circuit Court had no jurisdiction, in the case of a free negro charged with an offence punishable with confinement in the penitentiary, and therefore that the mittimus of Justice McKenzie was a nullity.

The Judge sustained this view of the case and discharged the prisoner. The following is the opinion of Judge Watson:

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Sept. 18, 1865.—Gentlemen:—I have discharged the Petitioner, Waters:—1st. Because the mittimus of Justice McKenzie, which sends the accused to be tried before a Court having no jurisdiction of the case, must be regarded as a nullity. And, 2. Because it appears from the jailor's return, and the evidence in the case, that he had already, for the same offence, been tried and acquitted. For I regard an arrest of judgment, by a Court of Oyer and Terminer, whether right or wrong, as an acquittal. It is certainly a refusal or failure to make an effectual conviction; and between this and the prisoner's right to be discharged, I know of no alternative in such a Court.

Respectfully yours,
E. R. WATSON.

JEWISH NEW YEAR.—Yesterday was the beginning of the Jewish New Year, or the anniversary of the creation, and as such celebrated by the Jews all over the world. They account the year now entered upon as the five thousand six hundred and twenty-sixth. All the places of business of the Hebrews are closed. The celebration lasts until sunset tomorrow.

The number of the Hebrew population in this place, and the extent of their business, were plainly perceptible to-day, by the numerous stores, shops and places of business, closed on King street, and in other parts of the city.

Thanks to "Many Alexandrians" for their kind note sent to us to-day, in compliment and response to our exertions in behalf of the interests of our old town, and our efforts to advance its prosperity.

A thief who had robbed the money drawer in the clothing store of Mr. Milkouski, on King street, on Tuesday, was caught and handed over to the police. He is said to be an old offender.

WYMAN'S Matinee, this afternoon, and his Exhibition, to night, will conclude his performances here, for the present. He gives great satisfaction, and delights his audiences. Go and see him.

Gov. Wm. Smith, of Va., was in Washington, yesterday, but was expected to return immediately to his residence in Fauquier.

Several boats loaded with coal, wheat, &c., via the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, have arrived in Georgetown.

The Petersburg Index says—"Oysters are beginning to arrive freely, and passing the saloons one hears the familiar pleasant click of the knife against the shell. It has been a long time since standing in front of a little square box with the castors and a bottle of ale on one side, and a plate of water crackers on the other, we held an eager fork with which to pounce on the river pets, as, fat and luscious, they were laid before us; a long time—but we hav'nt forgotten the zest with which we used to swallow the delicious morsels, and among our most pleasant anticipations of the coming winter, is the renewal of our nightly acquaintance with "oysters on a chafing dish."

The Lynchburg Republican says:—"On Monday night about 11 o'clock, while the freight train on the Orange railroad was crossing James river, an axle to one of the cars gave way which threw the train from the track and caused a general smash-up. The cars were thrown across the bridge, but strange to say, none of them went over into the river and nobody was hurt. The bridge being blockaded by the accident, travel was somewhat interrupted yesterday morning, and passengers had to go to the Amherst side of the river to take the train for Washington and other points, but during the day the track was cleared so as to admit the passage of cars."

We understand that the timber for the bridge over Difficult Run has arrived, and will soon be in position. It is thought the trains on the L. & H. R. R. will run to Farmville, six miles from Leesburg, during the coming month. Farmville will, for some time be the terminus of the road, and a line of stages will connect it with Leesburg.

Capt. Leo Rosenthal, of the U. S. Commissary Department, well and favorably known in this section of the country, died on his way from Florida to New York, on board the steamer Geo. Cromwell, on the 10th inst.

A tournament and ball are to come off at Warrenton on Tuesday, the 26th instant, as will be seen by the notice in another column. A good time may be expected.

The Freedmen's district of Washington under charge of Col. Eaton, has been enlarged by adding the counties of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Loudoun.

There is to be a called meeting of the City Council to-night, in relation to some police regulations.

Freight now goes through from Lynchburg to Baltimore without change of cars.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, SEPT. 21, 1865.

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MARRIED.

On the evening of Thursday, the 14th instant, by the Rev. John E. Edwards, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. THOMAS L. DAVIS to Miss ELIZABETH FRANCES, daughter of William B. Lewis, (formerly of Alexandria) all of Washington.

On the 19th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. D. W. Bates, CHARLES GORDON, of Buffalo, N. Y., and FRANCES C. DEVAUGHN, daughter of J. M. Weedon, of Alexandria, Va.

DIED.

On the 26th instant, of typhoid fever, after a severe and protracted illness, at the residence of her parents, near Waterford, Loudoun county, Va., SUSAN EARL MILLER, youngest daughter of William H. and Amy Anna Miller, formerly of Alexandria. The funeral will take place from the residence of Robert H. Miller, on Washington street, at 11 o'clock, to-morrow, to which the friends of the family are respectfully invited.

In Norfolk, on Monday morning, after a long and protracted illness from Paralysis, JOHN FREEMAN, Esq., in the 64th year of his age.

At the residence of his father, Dr. John C. Mercer, in the city of Williamsburg, on the evening of the 7th of September, 1865, Lieutenant THOMAS HUGH MERCER, aged twenty-two years, a great grandson, of General Mercer, the friend of Washington, and the hero who sealed his devotion to his country by the sacrifice of his life on the field of Princeton, in our Revolutionary war.

The Rev. T. B. BALCH will preach the funeral sermon of the late Rev. Elias Harrison, in the First Presbyterian Church, on Sunday next, 24th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The friends of the late Dr. Harrison are cordially invited to attend. This sermon will be preached in accordance with a promise made by Dr. Balch to Dr. Harrison, that if he survived him, he would preach his funeral discourse. se 21-3t*

A Tournament will come off at Warrenton, on Tuesday, the 26th instant, and Ball at night. Riding will commence at 10½ o'clock, a. m.; Ball 8½ p. m. Gentlemen wishing to enter as knights will apply to M. M. Green, Esq., chief marshal, or to M. B. Washington, Esq., herald, by the 25th inst. sep 21-t&m

FIRE PLUGS.—A reward of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 will be paid for the conviction of any person opening a fire plug, except in time of a fire, or in case of special permission from the Mayor. The officers of the Fire Department, the Superintendent of Police and the Police Constables, are especially enjoined to be vigilant in bringing to punishment all persons unlawfully opening said plugs. sep 21-6t C. A. WARE, Mayor.

Court Notices.

COURT NOTICE.—Philip B. Hoce, guardian of Mark B. Hardin, Susan L. Hardin and John H. Hardin, complainant, vs. Mark B. Hardin, Susan L. Hardin, John H. Hardin, John S. Gordon, guardian, ad litem, George D. Fowle and W. P. Johnston, Administrators of Lauriston B. Hardin, dec'd. and Joseph Smith, defendants.

In Chancery.

The decree of November Term, 1860, of the Circuit Court of Alexandria County, in the above named cause, directs one of the Master Commissioners of said Court, to ascertain and report the liens, if any, which exist against the real estate in the bill mentioned, the nature, amount and character thereof, and their order of priority; and further to state and settle the administration account of George D. Fowle and W. P. Johnston, Administrators of Lauriston B. Hardin, dec'd.; and further to ascertain and report the amount of the personal estate of the said Lauriston B. Hardin yet to be administered; and further to ascertain and report what, if any, debts or claims against the estate of the said Hardin remain due and unpaid. And for that purpose the said Master is directed to advertise once a week for four weeks in one of the newspapers published in the city of Alexandria, of the time and place of executing the said decree, requiring all persons who have claims or demands against said estate to present and prove the same before said Master by a certain day to be by him specified, and further that all persons who shall not so present and prove their claims to the satisfaction of said Master by the time so specified by him, shall be excluded from all benefit under any future decree in the cause—such publication to be equivalent to personal service of such notice on the parties.

The decree of May Term, 1865, of said Court, in the said cause, recites that it appearing to the Court that so much of the decree of November Term, 1860, as refers the cause to a Commissioner in Chancery for inquiry and report upon certain matters therein specified, remains unexecuted; the Court doth appoint W. C. Yeaton, a special commissioner to execute such decree, and to proceed in all respects, as required thereby.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
September 4, 1865. }

The parties to the foregoing cause and all others interested, are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 6th day of October, 1865, at my office, in the City of Alexandria, as the time and place, when and where I shall proceed to execute the decrees of which the foregoing are extracts, at which time and place they are required to attend. And all parties are warned to present and prove their claims against said estate on or before said 6th October, 1865, under pain of exclusion from the benefit of these proceedings. Given under my hand as Special Commissioner aforesaid, the day and year aforesaid.

W. C. YEATON.

S. F. BEACH, Solicitor for Compl't.
sep 4-law4w

AT RULES HELD IN THE Clerk's Office of the County Court of Fairfax County for the month of Sept. 1865: Purdy Makely, Metra Makely, Albert Makely, Wesley Makely, Leaman Makely, Mark N. Garton, and Mary E. his wife, pffs., vs. Lewis Jamison, deft.—in Chancery—

MEM. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree to enforce a contract between the said pffs. and deft., and to recover the amount due the said pffs. upon said contract.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the said defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

A Copy (Teste)

WM. M. FITZHUGH, Clerk pro tem.
MINER, P. Q. sep 6-law4w

AT RULES HELD IN THE CLERK'S Office of the County Court of Fairfax County, for the month of September, 1865: Joseph Thornton pff. vs. Benj. Thornton pff.—in debt.

MEM. The object of this suit is to recover of said defendant the sum of five thousand pounds sterling, with interest thereon from the 10th of August, 1865, until paid, and to attach a tract of land, in the County of Fairfax, containing eight thousand and ten acres, also another tract of land in the said county, containing 453 acres, the property of the defendant, conveyed to him by Reginald Fairfax, to satisfy and pay the plaintiff the debt aforesaid.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the said defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

A copy (Teste)

WM. M. FITZHUGH, Clerk pro tem.
DULANY, P. Q. sep 7-law4w

AT RULES HELD IN THE CLERK'S Office of the County Court of Fairfax County, for the month of September, 1865: Joseph Thornton, pff., vs. Benjamin Thornton, deft.—in debt.

MEM. The object of this suit is to recover of the said defendant the sum of \$2,500 sterling, with interest thereon from the 10th day of August, 1865, until paid, and to attach a tract of land in the County of Fairfax, containing eight thousand and ten acres, also another tract of land in the said County, containing 453 acres, the property of the defendant, Benjamin Thornton, conveyed to him by Reginald Fairfax, to satisfy and pay pff. the debt aforesaid.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the said defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

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OYSTERS!

I would respectfully inform my customers and the public generally, that I am constantly receiving by steamers, three times a week, SUPERIOR OYSTERS, fresh from Virginia waters, and am always prepared to supply hotels, restaurants and families, in any quantity, at the lowest rates. JAMES H. OWENS, No. 18, Prince street. sep 16-1w*

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Having resumed the practice of his profession, will attend the Courts of Fairfax and the adjoining counties. In connection with his business as a Lawyer, he proposes to investigate LAND TITLES, and to buy and sell REAL ESTATE.

Fairfax County, Sept. 6-1m*

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